

**MTSA Regulations found at 33 CFR Subchapter H**  
**Part 105.**

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**Q.** How will 33 CFR Part 105 be implemented at small facilities that are primarily recreational in nature but accept U.S. flagged vessels carrying SOLAS documents? (See PAC 01-03 for foreign-flagged vessels.)

**Ans.** Facilities receiving U.S.-flagged passenger vessels that hold SOLAS certificates on international voyages (other than cruise ships) would be required to have security plans. The facility may designate a small area within the facility that passengers could be embarked or disembarked, minimizing passenger interface in the facility and thereby requiring security for a limited portion of the facility as per 33 CFR 105.106. This policy applies to facilities already covered under 33 CFR Part 105.

Facilities that receive U.S.-flagged passenger vessels that hold SOLAS certificates authorizing carriage of 150 passengers or less on domestic voyages may request to be exempted from the requirements to have security plans if the facility receives U.S. vessels on domestic voyages. Owners or operators of facilities would need to notify their COTP. U.S.-flagged vessels must continue to operate pursuant to their ISSC or they will be required to undergo another verification exam prior to returning to international service.

**Note:** For further guidance, a facility owner/operator should contact their local Captain of the Port (COTP/FMSC).